

BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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Subject: US - USSR Relations

QUESTION:

Looking to the future, what do you foresee as to the nature of US-USSR relationships as a result of the Cuba confrontation? Do you anticipate a period of increased or decreased tension?

SUGGESTED POINTS IN PRESIDENT'S REPLY:

When the Soviet Union has satisfactorily effected the removal from Cuba of all offensive weapons systems under effective international guarantees, the United States will be, as I stated in my October 27 letter to Chairman Khrushchev, "very much interested in reducing tensions and halting the arms race." It is now up to the Soviet Union to create a real basis for a relaxation of existing tensions and for improving relations between our countries.